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Title:	WIDE-ANGLE IMAGING OPTICAL SYSTEM AND WIDE-ANGLE IMAGING APPARATUS, SURVEILLANCE IMAGING APPARATUS, VEHICLE-MOUNTED IMAGING APPARATUS, AND PROJECTION APPARATUS USING THE WIDE-ANGLE IMAGING OPTICAL SYSTEM		

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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 13, 2006, favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks.

Applicants appreciate the courtesy extended by the Examiner to Applicants' representatives, Douglas P. Mueller and Margaret F. Emerson, during the telephonic interview on May 9, 2006. During the interview, claim 1 and Yagi (US 6,130,783) were discussed. Agreement regarding the allowability of the claims was not reached, although the Examiner conceded Yagi as not teaching a wide-angle imaging optical system including a second reflection surface that reflects rays of light from a first reflection surface, as required by claim 1.

During the telephone interview the Examiner requested direction for purposes of further searching as to whether the specification discusses minimum angle view for the wide-angle